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'Tis the season to practice OPSEC

Special to the Scout

Operational Security or OPSEC is the process we use to identify and protect sensitive information from our adversaries. While we primarily use this process at work, we can apply the same methodology to protecting our family and our homes over the upcoming holiday season.

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes we forget about common sense security practices. Here are some reminders that will help keep your holiday season a safe and enjoyable one.

OPSEC and Street Smarts are synonymous. With OPSEC you identify key information that your adversaries might use against you, then apply countermeasures to safeguard that information. When shopping, think of OPSEC as "Street Smarts," and consider the following:

Protect credit card and ATM numbers Be wary of "shoulder surfers

— cell phone cameras" as you take out cash from ATMs or pay for items with your credit card Make sure to put receipts in a safe place or destroy them properly.

Be wary when carrying a large amount of cash. If so, keep a portion of the money separate from your wallet in case you get pick-pocketed or lose your wallet

Protect expensive items you recently purchased. If you bought so many presents that you have to take a trip to the car to unload your packages so that you can buy more, make sure you place the items in your trunk and out of sight. It's also smart to relocate your vehicle to another parking space.

Christmas is a time of giving. But giving a family member a present can help burglars target you.

Trash can make you a target.

Boxes from jewelry or from electronics such as computers, televisions, and

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Message from the Commanding General
U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca



Thanksgiving Weekend Safety

As we approach the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, one thing that we can all be thankful for is that on-duty Army vehicle accidents are down nearly 90 percent so far this year!

Unfortunately, POV accidents are up 20 percent. This tells me that we are using extra care when we are driving government vehicles in the line of duty — which is great. But we need to exercise exactly the same care when we are driving our POVs.

We are at the beginning of a holiday season when most of us will be traveling to visit friends and family. Before any trip, make sure you complete your online risk assessment.

Step 1: Log on to AKO.

Step 2: Select "My Readiness" under the "Self Service" tab.

Step 3: Select POV Risk Assessment (ASMIS-2) under "CRC Web Tools."

Supervisors and first-line leaders, make sure all of your Soldiers are completing the online risk assessment and that they are budgeting enough time to make their trip safely.

Personally inspect their vehicles. Make sure their vehicles are all-around safe (tires, lights, etc.). If you are consuming alcohol, be responsible and have a designated driver.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! Please keep in mind those who are deployed and their families who await their safe return.

Safety begins with YOU!

BARBARA G. FAST
Major General, US Army
Commanding

Scout On The Street — How do plan to spend the Thanksgiving holiday weekend?



Cynthia Alves
Family Member



Staff Sgt. Christopher Blackmon
Company C, 344th MI Battalion



Lucy Gonzalez
AAFES Vendor



Sgt. 1st Class Luis Vargas
Joint Analysis Center



Felicia Warner
Massage Therapist

"I'm going to spend it with my husband. We will have a turkey dinner, then go shopping and then have a nice quiet night at home and maybe see a movie like we do every year."

"I'm going to fly home back to Fort Bragg with my wife and baby."

"I'll be home with the family making turkey and being happy."

"I'm going to spend a little rest and relaxation time with my girlfriend and we are going to Las Vegas."

"Thanksgiving weekend I plan on spending with my family having a nice dinner at home and relaxing."

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Leave year ends Jan. 6, deadline for donation

By Rob Martinez

Scout Staff

The Leave Donor Program can help federal employees who need emergency leave to receive annual leave donated by other federal employees. Employees are qualified to apply when they have exhausted their paid leave, due to a medical emergency involving themselves or a family member.

A medical emergency is any medi-

cal condition that an employee or a family member has that will require absence from duty for a minimum of 24 consecutive work hours, without any available paid leave, and results in a substantial loss of income.

Leave credited for a family member's emergency, under the DLP, must be for direct care when the employee is with the family member. For employees, it covers a variety of medical emergencies such as surgery and cancer treatment.

Schenando Nason, Human Resources Technician, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said, "If you have enough sick and annual to cover you, and if you're only going to be without pay for one day, then you won't qualify for the LDP. It has to be a projected 24 consecutive hours of leave without pay, three work days. You don't actually have to have three days without leave."

Nason explained that if an employee was going to be absent for four

days, she could put the employee on the program for 32 hours of donated leave, so there wouldn't be any leave without pay at all if enough leave donations came in. But if the absence was only warranting leave without pay for 16 hours, it wouldn't be covered under the program.

To be eligible for leave donation, CPAC requires a completed Leave Recipient Request form, OPM 630,

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Contest offers Australian vacation packages

By Tim Hipps

USAFMWRC Public Affairs

U.S. military Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons have until Dec. 1 to enter the Information, Tickets and Reservation Office's contest to win a vacation "Down Under."

Two grand-prize winners will be allowed one guest apiece to accompany them on an 11-day/eight-night travel package to Australia.

Entry forms are available by visiting <http://www.ittaustralia.com> or at participating MWR, Marine Corps Community Services and MCX locations.

The package includes round-trip airline tickets, eight nights of lodging in Australia (based on two people sharing a room) and two land tours. The trip must be completed within 12 months of notification and blackout dates may apply.

The estimated value of the package is \$8,750.

Entrants must be active-duty members of the military, members of the Individual Ready Reserve and Selected Reserve or their immediate family members, and active-duty members

— or a family member — of the other uniformed services serving, stationed, or living on a military installation, station or ship, including Department of Defense, military retirees and DoD civilian employees.

Winning entrants or their sponsor must have a valid military, government or DoD identification card or a valid dependent ID card. Winners also must be at least 18 years old by Jan. 1, 2007.

Uniformed Service Members and civilian government employees of MWR, MCCS, AAFES, NEX, their immediate family members and local nationals are ineligible for the contest.

Grand-prize winner selection will take place the week of Jan. 15. Winners will be notified by Jan. 24. Complete rules are available at <http://www.ittaustralia.com>.

Courtesy photo

The Sydney Opera House presents theatre, musicals, opera, contemporary dance, ballet and every form of music.



Post Conservation Committee meets

Scout Reports

The Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee convened Nov. 15 in the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Conference Room at Riley Barracks here.

Meeting news included:

- The City of Sierra Vista said 1,500 of its customers (10 percent) have signed up for a new recycling initiative that was implemented only 45 days ago.
 - In an effort to prevent injuries to animals and damage to equipment, corrals will be built for deer near the airfield here.
 - The post has published a new Off-Highway Vehicle policy (Policy 41) posted on the Fort Huachuca page.
 - Water pumpage figures for this year show encouraging improvements for the post. Depending on November and December usage, this could be the first year the post showed a decrease for each month.
- The next meeting takes place at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at the same location. The public is invited.

The last *Scout* published during 2006 is the Dec. 14 issue. The paper will then cease publication for two weeks. The first *Scout* for 2007 will be the Jan. 4 issue. Thanks to those who worked closely with us this year to help bring news, features, sports, commentaries and other information to the Fort Huachuca community. The *Scout* staff wishes everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.



Photo by Lilly Wise

Class enjoys slice of military life

Sgt. Raymond Rivera, Company B of the Unmanned Aircraft STB, explains how unmanned aerial vehicles operate to students from Elena Ryan's fourth-grade class from Elfrida Elementary School during their field trip here Friday. In addition to touring the UAV maintenance facility, under Soldier tutelage, the students got to try some of the obstacles on a challenge course. They ended their visit with a program on local plants and animals by Sheridan Stone, wildlife biologist, Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

Local Cub Scout pack supports deployed Signal Corps unit

Story and photo by Anthony Reed

A local Cub Scout pack recently lost an active parent in their program, but gained a new family of 60 Cub Scout supporters and their families.

Ricky Gomez, 8, and his dad, Chief Warrant Officer Richard Gomez, a communications officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 86th Signal Battalion, did everything together — including being a part of Sierra Vista Cub Scout Pack 445.

The senior Gomez deployed to Iraq with his unit Aug. 20.

“Those two were always together at pack meetings and functions,” said Cub Scout Pack 445 Cubmaster James Harper. “Our annual kickoff picnic was the day before Rick deployed, but he was here with his son and the rest of the pack having a good time.”

Den Leader Mary Kay Ponder helped spearhead an effort for the pack to send a care package of food, cards, letters, magazines, DVDs and candy to the Soldiers in Gomez’s unit.

“Each den supports one company within the 86th Signal Battalion,” Ponder said. “Rick is a part of Pack 445’s family, and the 86th is a part of his family. We’re

all in this together.”

In addition to the treats, Pack 445 also included the flag created by Sierra Vista citizens in honor of the city’s 50th birthday celebration in May. The flag was created with the help of the Sierra Vista Arts Council. Citizens placed blue and red handprints on a white sheet in the design of the American flag.

Jean Gomez was overwhelmed by the support of the pack. “This has truly been a great thing to do in support of the troops — not just my husband, but the entire unit,” she said. “The pack has been a great way for Ricky to not miss his dad as much. He always looks forward to coming to the meetings.”

Young Ricky was happy his Cub Scout buddies were showing support for his dad’s unit. “Being a Cub Scout is really fun,” Ricky said. “My dad will be happy to know we’re still working hard and thinking about him and his Soldiers.”

“We have a very special connection with the 86th Signal Battalion through Ricky,” Harper said.

Sierra Vista Mayor Tom Hessler was in attendance, not in an official capacity, but in support of his grandson, who is a member of the pack.

“This is a very giving community,” Hessler said.



“We are a proud Army town.”
Ricky Gomez, 8, stands with his pack as they gather items to be sent in support of his dad’s unit, 86th Signal Battalion, who are currently deployed to Iraq.



Photo by Thom Williams

Blood Drive

Spc. Joshua Bravo, a medical laboratory technician, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, checks on Spc. Antwain Burke, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade while he gives blood Oct. 25 at Eifler Physical Fitness Center. The Fort’s next blood drive is scheduled to take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Eifler Physical Fitness Center.

Volunteer of the Month MIOBC student stays true to self

By Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.

A Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course student here was named Volunteer of the Month for October because of his need to give back to a program that gave him so much.

Yalch spent 12 years of his youth in Scouting — from Tiger Cubs to Eagle Scout.

“From my experiences as a youth, I know Scouting to be an activity that is not only fun, but also beneficial to youth,” he said. “Soon after I arrived on Fort Huachuca, I sought out the local Boy Scout Council and found out how to get involved.”

In his spare time, Yalch served as Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 431 — a Fort Huachuca unit. In addition to officiating at the Tri-Pod Chair during the Scout camporee here in October, he also assisted young Scouts in crossing a ranger rope bridge.

“Matthew displayed selfless service in his dedication to the Scouting mission,” said Steve Derr, District Commissioner, Cochise District, Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America. “In just two months, he gave more than 110 hours of his

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Trial Defense Service gains new patch

By Capt. Thomas Clark

Judge Advocate

Until Soldiers face administrative separation or Uniform Code of Military Justice action, they may not even know Trial Defense Service members are here.

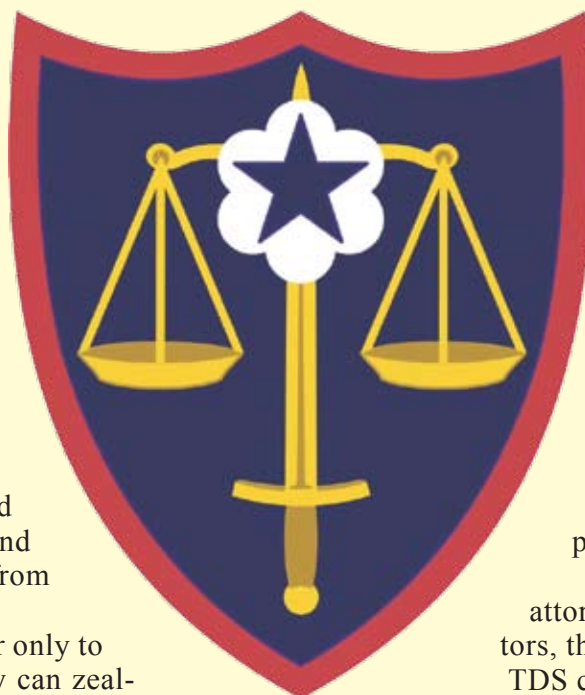
But once command tries to separate a Soldier from the Army or punish via Article 15 or court martial, TDS staff become the Soldier's lawyers and advocates.

The Trial Defense Service is a separate arm of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. The sole function is to defend Soldiers accused or suspected of committing offenses under the UCMJ. They also represent soldiers in pre-trial confinement hearings and separation boards.

TDS staff members are fully-trained and licensed attorneys who are competent to defend Soldiers on almost any military justice matter, from missing formation to murder.

They are completely independent and answer only to more senior defense attorneys. Therefore, they can zeal-

ously advocate on behalf of Soldiers in front of commanders, court-martial panels and judges without worrying about anything but defending the Soldier.



To re-affirm their independence, TDS has a newly-designed unit patch. The only personnel who will wear this new patch are trial defense attorneys and their paralegals.

Before deciding on the new design, TDS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., solicited input from trial defense attorneys around the world.

The new patch incorporates the old star design that defense attorneys have worn for the past 25 years. However, the old patch was not unique to the TDS.

The new patch is shaped like a shield to symbolize the defense services provided.

The sword represents the Soldier's warrior ethos and the scales of justice complete the patch.

So, when Soldiers see our patch, remember: TDS attorneys do not work for the commanders or prosecutors, they are here to help.

TDS can be contacted on Fort Huachuca at 533-5370.

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Native American Indian Heritage Month celebrated

Story and photo by Anthony Reed

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office hosted a celebration for Native American Indian Heritage Month at the Murr Community Center Friday.

The theme for this month's celebration was "Defining Our Destiny Through Our Culture and Self-Determination."

In keeping with this theme, EO chose to honor Marine Cpl. Ira Hamilton Hayes, a Pima Indian born in Sacaton, Ariz. Many may not recognize him by name alone, but he gained fame during the Pacific campaign when he, along with four fellow Marines and a Sailor, raised the U.S. flag over Iwo Jima in the midst of the war.

Hayes died in Bapchule, Ariz., and is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The celebration featured native food prepared and served by the post dining facility and LaCasita Restaurant and Cantina, displays and banners, and a play presented by the Smith Middle School entitled "A Native American Cinderella."

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Cynthia McGee, who is part Cherokee and married to a full-blooded Cherokee. Opening remarks were given by another Native American, Tanya Biami, chairperson of the Fine Arts Department at Cochise College.

"It's important to know our heritage," Biami said. "But it's also important to know and educate others about all heritages."



Students from Smith Middle School perform the play "A Native American Cinderella" during the Native American Indian Heritage Month celebration.

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Sgt. Audie Murphy Club members help hospitalized vets celebrate their day

Scout reports

Sixteen members of Fort Huachuca's Sgt. Audie Murphy Club and six local Boy Scouts escorted patients at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Tucson Nov. 12 to a special concert and ceremony presented on the hospital grounds in their honor. The VA hospital administration coordinated festivities which included performances by several local musical groups.

All participating SAMC members were volunteers who made the visit on their own time, according to Staff Sgt. Zechariah Harris, a participating club member.

The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club recognizes the most outstanding noncommissioned officers in the Army. Soldiers strive to make the cut to become members of this elite group.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Zechariah Harris

***Sgt. 1st Class
Jeremy Toor,
Company A,
305th Military
Intelligence
Battalion,
111th Military
Intelligence
Brigade, greets
veterans at
the Veterans
Administration in
Tucson Nov. 11.***

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RANGER CHALLENGE COMPETITION PIT'S SOLDIERS AGAINST SOLDIERS



Cadets from each team cross a simulated river to set up the one-rope bridge.

By 2nd Lt. Matthew Harris
Gold Bar Recruiter, U of A ROTC

Every year Army ROTC battalions around the country engage in a friendly inter-school competition called Ranger Challenge. This competition occurs during the fall semester following several months of intense physical training—training that consumes hours of time and strength for participating cadets. Cadet Chris Elliot of the University of Arizona says, “The hardest part of the preparation is the combination of ROTC, school and the morning and weekends training regimen of Ranger Challenge.”

In past years the Ranger Challenge competition was a regional event, but that changed this year. This past weekend the University of Arizona and Arizona State University competed locally at Fort Huachuca.

Per the rules of the competition, each school brings 10 Cadets (including at least one female). These cadets are hand-selected by their cadre to participate on their respective teams.

The competition is composed of six events: a physical fitness test, a one-rope bridge, a map-reading test, rifle marksmanship, an obstacle course, and a 10-kilometer road march.

The challenge began with the Army Physical Fitness Test. Several cadets from both schools maxed the test, scoring at least 300 points. The highest recorded score on the test was 399 by Cadet Pete Tomczyk of the U of A, who competes on a tri-athlete team at school.

The second event was the one-rope bridge competition where teams

construct a rope bridge over a simulated ravine and transport their entire team from one side to the other. The team with the fastest time and fewest penalties wins.

A map-reading exam of 20 questions presented the next challenge. Map reading tests the cadets’ ability to locate their current position and navigate to a new location. This reinforces the need for them to excel at not only physical, but mentally challenging events as well.

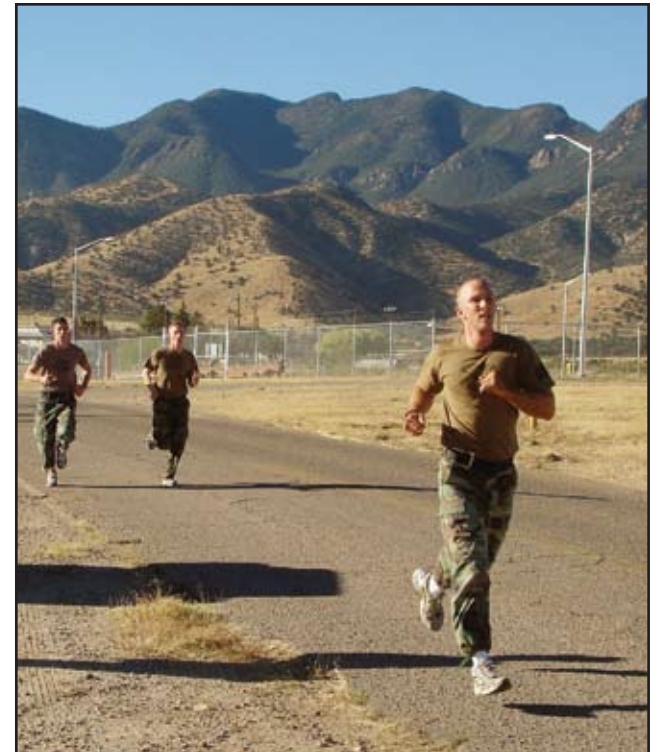
Teams then moved to the M-16 rifle marksmanship event, firing at targets with points awarded for every hit. Cadets earn additional points for hitting within the center three-centimeter circle. After shooting, the cadets focused on the obstacle course where teamwork becomes crucial. The time does not stop until the last cadet crosses the line.

Finally, cadets headed into the final event, the 10-kilometer rucksack march. During this event each cadet has to have the same items in his or her ruck. The teams also have to transport certain squad items.

“The ruck march is definitely the most difficult. Besides being physically demanding, it requires strategy and patience as you attempt to set the right pace. To get a competitive time, you must set a running pace that works for the

whole event,” said Cadet Charles Blair.

No matter what the results, Ranger Challenge is not merely about trying to win. While there is a friendly rivalry between the two schools, the challenge serves a dual purpose. It provides physical and mental preparation for cadets, many of whom will be commissioned as Army second lieutenants in about six months.



Arizona State University cadets approach the one-mile marker during their physical fitness test.



Photos by Cadet Garrett Mitchell, ROTC

A University of Arizona cadet moves across the one-rope bridge.

Field trip provides first-hand view of Libby Army Airfield

By Lilly Wise
Special to the Scout

Children in the Family Child Care program enjoyed a field trip to the Number Three Fire station at Libby Army Airfield here Friday.

Suzette Gray, an FCC provider, said, "These field trips are important because the children learn about what types of jobs their parents might do."

Manny Angulo, crew chief, demonstrated the

bells and whistles of "Crash 32" the brand new addition to the fleet of fire trucks. "Crash 32" is a firefighting vehicle equipped with thermal imaging equipment that can help locate a person or a fire on an aircraft without the firefighters having to go in and search. The children were thrilled as Dave Slater, fireman, activated the high powered hose and camera while the lights were ablaze.

The children also had a chance to try on firefighting equipment with help from Fireman

Anthony Crone. He explained that the gear can weigh up to 80 pounds and why it's important to be physically fit.

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Wymann also thrilled the youth with a chance to sit in the cockpit of the RC-12N plane, a surveillance plane used by the military.

The children have also visited the MP station and FCC program coordinators plan trips to the units in the future.



Photos by Lilly Wise

(Above) Anthony Crone explains how the strapping on firefighter jackets helps firefighters pull each other out of a fire.

(Right) Rebecca Gray and Dave Slater sit in the cab of Fire Station Three's newest engine. Children in the Family Child Care program took a field trip to the station to see what firefighters do each day.



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Range closures set

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Saturday – AL
Sunday – AL, T1, T1A, T2
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Tuesday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AL, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AL, T1, T1A, T2
Range closures for hunting
Thursday – AL
Friday – AL
Saturday – AL

For more information on range closures contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to daily change

WHCART recruiting team visits

The White House Communications Agency Recruiting Team will visit Fort Huachuca from Dec. 4 to 8, conducting an orientation briefing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 in Cochise Theater.

The White House Communications Agency is looking for Soldiers in the Military Occupational Specialties of 21H, L, W, 25D, F, P, Q, R, S, V, 44C, 88M, and 94E who meet specific criteria to provide state of the art communications support to the President of the United States.

For information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Gaut at 202-757-5156, DSN 284-2000 ext 7-5156. Or, visit the White House Communications Agency Recruiting Web site at www.disa.mil/whca.

Housing Office announces closure

The Housing Office will be closed Thursday and Friday. They will re-open with normal hours on Monday.

Group to perform Native American dance

To commemorate Native American Heritage Month, the Cultural Diversity Committee at the Sierra Vista Campus of Cochise College hosts the Redhouse Dancers, a family of performers from the Diné Nation. The family will perform a collection of traditional Native American dances from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the library lawn at the Sierra Vista Campus. The performance is free.

For more information, call Tanya Biami at 515-5316.

FEHB open season underway

This year’s federal employee health benefits open

season runs through Dec. 11. Coverage will be effective Dec. 31. Three programs are available for employees and retirees to choose from. These consist of the regular FEHB plans, the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program, and the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

All 2007 FEHB Guides, health plan brochures and the 2007 premium rates can be viewed at www.opm.gov/insure/health.

For the first time, eligible federal and postal employees and retirees will also be able to enroll in the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program during this year’s open season. For updates on this new plan, please visit www.opm.gov/insure/dentalvision. Enrollment will be the same as for FEHB and FSAFEDS.

For questions regarding this year’s FEHB open season, contact the Civilian Personnel Activity Center at 533-5273.

U of I Army ROTC seeks cadets

Qualified prior service or members of the National Guard or Reserve who wish to become officers can consider entering the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program. The program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as Cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors, or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining.

Call (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu or visit <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/> for more details.

MICCA, others host joint luncheon

The Huachuca Chapter of the Military Intelligence Corps Association is hosting a joint luncheon co-sponsored by AFCEA, ITEA, IEEE and AOC at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 30 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

The guest speaker is Col. James Harper, deputy director, Capability Development Integration, USAIC & Fort Huachuca who will speak on Army Transformation.

Tickets are \$10 and include buffet, drink and gratuity. Reservations due by Monday, are recommended .

For information or to reserve tickets, call Richard Laszok at 234-6181 or e-mail Richard.Laszok@gmail.com. Or, call Dick Mortensen at 538-3570 or e-mail Richard.Mortensen@us.army.mil.

Alphagraphics offers free holiday service

Alphagraphics is offering free printing and mailing

of holiday letters for all active-duty servicemembers. The company will copy your holiday letter onto the Alphagraphics holiday letterhead of your choice, address your envelopes then stuff, stamp and mail your letters.

Bring a digital list of addresses, a digital or hard copy of the holiday letter, (Please leave a one inch margin for Alphagraphics holiday printed letterhead.) and stamps or money for postage.

Alphagraphics is located at 2309 East Fry Boulevard in Sierra Vista.

MCCW host Christmas potluck

The Military Council of Catholic Women will hold their Christmas potluck meeting on Dec. 2 at the Main post Chapel. All Catholic ladies are invited. The rosary starts at 9 a.m. followed by the meeting and potluck. Bring your favorite dish. Donations for Care Net are needed and will be collected at the event.

For information, call Karen Harper at 458-5983.

Vet Clinic holds shot clinic, car/dog wash

The Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic staff will hold a walk-in vaccination clinic for pets from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 9 at the clinic. In conjunction with the vaccination clinic, the clinic staff will wash cars and dogs. Call for details.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility is located in Building 30009 at the Charles D. McMurdo Veterinary Services Facility at the intersection of Hungerford Avenue and Clarkson Street on Old Post.

For more information call 533-2767.

Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations: Michael Clark, DPS; Alicia Doyle, WCPOC; Linda Haldorson, MEDDAC; Pamela Hastings, CA/ITEC-4; Kristie Jansen, 111th, IEW; Aline Knight, IG; Robert Martinez, USAIC; Shirley Michaud, DOIM; Kimberly Outlaw, DPS; Susan Pester, MEDDAC; Scott Van Voorst, FUTURES.

Additionally, government employees impacted by “Hurricane Katrina” are still in need of leave donations.

Contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 533-5273 for more information on how you may donate. (See related article on the leave donor program on page A3 of this week’s Scout.)

Your excess leave can help those in need.

Protestant Sunday Services		• Women’s Ministry Bible study		Sunday	9 a.m.	Latter Day Saints Service			
9:00 a.m.	Gospel	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.	Catholic		Sunday	1 p.m.		
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	• Bible Study/Choir Practice			• CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Youth Ministries	
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Thursday	6 p.m.		• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday		4 - 5 p.m.
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant	Tuesday	6 p.m.		Friday 3 - 6 p.m.		• High school		Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Roman Catholic Worship		• Ministerial Staff Training		• MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.			
Mon.-Fri.		Tuesday	7 p.m.	Korean					
Mass	11:30 a.m.	• Youth Fellowship		Choir practice	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Legend Main Post Main Post, Room 24 Main Post Blessed Sacrament Chapel Prosser Village Kino Chapel Eifler		
Sunday Mass	9:15 a.m.	3rd, 4th Saturdays	8:30 a.m.	OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.			
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Jewish Worship		2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.	Friday	12:15 p.m.				
Every Friday	7 p.m.	• Women’s Choir		Orthodox Divine Liturgy					
Protestant		5th Saturdays	11a.m.	1st & 3rd Sunday	9:30 a.m.				
• PWOC Tuesday		9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	• Youth Church 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th						

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precious free time to Troop 431, as well as helping out within the district. He was instrumental in bringing in eight of his officer peers to the Scouting movement.”

According to Derr, Yalch and his peers were vital cogs in the success of the district’s recent Camporee held at Garden Canyon here in October, along with ceremonies, service projects and fundraisers.

Yalch recently graduated from MIOBC. He and his Scouting volunteer peers have vowed to stay with Scouting when they settle into their new assignments.

Scouting values are similar to those maintained in the military. They can help mold great leaders. The lasting memory of Yalch’s efforts was apparent at the graduation ceremony when officers still in the course sought information on how to follow Yalch’s lead.



Photo by Thom Williams

Second Lt. Matthew Yalch demonstrates use of the tri-pod chair during the Boy Scout Camporee held here in October.

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lection provide good indicators to potential burglars about what high value items are located in the household. Break down the boxes, throw them in a bag or put them out just before trash collection time.

Practice OPSEC at home, too

Things often get so hectic around the holidays that sometimes we completely forget about basic security at home.

If people from utility or other service companies request access to your residence, verify their identity before allowing entry to your home. Write down the license plate number of suspicious vehicles and note the description of occupants

When socializing at parties over the holidays don’t talk “shop” around those who don’t have a need to know. Be wary of attempts to elicit information, even from friends and family. Report suspicious activity to the police or local law enforcement officials.

If traveling this holiday season, don’t forget — travel OPSEC!

Refrain from using military duf-

fel bags or bags with government patches or logos and use concealed luggage tags.

Don’t use rank or title to reserve airline tickets and hotel rooms. Keep a low profile in dress and demeanor. Be cautious about giving out information regarding family travel plans to those who don’t have a “need to know.” Leave your home with a lived-in look. Use timers for lights, TV or radio. Have a neighbor collect your mail and holiday deliveries. Be alert and report suspicious activity.

‘Twas the week before Christmas
And all through the neighbor-

hoods
Thieves were out prowling
Looking for goods.
Uncollected newspapers
And mail two feet high
Indicators that the owner was not
home

Caught the thief’s eye.
Now the home is empty.
The rooms are all bare.
If only occupants had remembered
To be OPSEC Aware!

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signed by the recipient and the supervisor, a doctor's note stating the diagnosis, prognosis, start date of the medical emergency, the projected return to work date, and doctor's signature. Regulations require the employee to be at a zero balance for both annual and sick leave prior to being placed on the program. However, the employee can submit their OPM 630 prior to actually running out of leave.

As determined by the approving official, based on medical documentation, donated leave may be substituted retroactively for any period of leave without pay or used to settle indebtedness for any period of advanced leave that began on or after the date of the medical emergency.

Employees may use their donated

annual leave only for the medical emergency that it was approved for. However, there is no limit on the amount of donated annual leave an employee can receive.

Once approved, Nason informs the contact at the organization, who then informs the organization that the person is on the DLP. People can then start completing the OPM 630-A form for a leave recipient inside their agency or a 630-B in an outside agency. The forms are faxed to Nason at 533-2461, and she credits the donated leave to the recipient.

If employees experiencing medical emergencies want a chance to get donations outside of their organizations, they can fill out a form authorizing Nason to submit their names to the *Scout*.

"That puts it out so that everybody can see their name," she said. "No other information is released other than recipient's name and organization."

Federal employees in a lower grade can donate to someone in a higher grade with one exception. Employees cannot donate to their immediate supervisor.

A person can only donate, by regulation, no more than one half of the hours they would accrue in a leave year. If someone was earning four hours of leave each pay period, in 26 pay periods they would accrue 104 hours of annual leave. They could donate only 52 hours per leave year.

Also, a person can donate to more than one employee, but the hours must remain within the limits. For example, if someone can donate 50 hours, he or

she can donate 25 hours to two employees, but not 50 hours each.

"As we get closer to the end of the leave year, which is January 6, a person who is in a use-or-lose status can donate no more than one half of what they would accrue in a year or no more than a number of hours remaining in a pay year for which the employee would work and receive pay. If the pay period ends Jan. 6, and it's Jan 1, a person can donate no more than 32 hours, because they are only working the second, third, fourth, and fifth. Those are all the hours left in the leave year. As we do get closer to the end of the leave year, it does make a difference," Nason explained.

For more information about the LDP, call Schenando Nason at 533-5273.

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Pvt. Michael Jimerson (left), and Pvt. Vincent Vendiola make their way to a station at the Grenade Assault Course.



Pvt. Mark Morrison, (left), and Pvt. Fakema Oscar negotiate monkey bars at the obstacle course at Robert C. Sheetz Jr. Warrior Complex.



Pvt. Michael Jimerson emerges from a pipe while negotiating the obstacle course at the Robert C. Sheetz Jr. Warrior Complex.



Pvt. Vincent Vendiola, a student in the Signals Intelligence Collector/Analyst course, makes his way over an obstacle during a Field Training Exercise.

(Below) Pvt. Mark Morrison (left), helps Pvt. Fakema Oscar across a rope obstacle during the FTX portion of the course.



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Pvt. Cameron Boswell low crawls underneath barbed wire at the Robert C. Sheetz Jr. Warrior Complex near Apache Flats on Whitside Road.

Field Exercise

Story and photos by Thom Williams
Scout Staff

The Soldiers in the 96Y Signals Intelligence Collector/Analyst course had one obstacle between them and graduating from weeks of Advanced Individual Training, a four-day Field Training Exercise that included such as reacting to an enemy ambush and a hand-to-hand assault course.

The Soldiers are assigned to Company C, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion. They are nicknamed "The Coyotes" and did phase one of their AIT at the Center for Information Management at Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla. They are attending training at Fort Huachuca. "We have some really good stuff out here," said Staff Sgt. Ken Segraves, Company C, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion. "We have some raids that these guys go on and we are teaching them how to dismount

a vehicle properly which is not into the fire, but out of the fire and how to react to an Improvised Explosive Device."

Segraves went on to say that once they graduate, most of the Soldiers will go on to strategic assignments such as working with the National Security Agency at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

"Our goal is at the end of the FTX when the Soldier graduates and they leave here, if they get deployed they will be ready to do the exact same thing that they did here but better," said Staff Sgt. Eric Raymon, noncommissioned officer in charge of the FTX.

"I've been to Ranger School and the first sergeant has been with Special Forces units. We try to incorporate a lot of the training fatigue and foster a teamwork oriented environment," said 2nd Lt. Paul Lushenko, executive officer.

Lushenko said that the trainers want to

teach the Soldier how to persevere and overcome hardship during the exercise.

The 344th MI Bn has headquarters and two of its companies are located at Goodfellow Air Force Base near San Angelo, Texas. The battalion's other two companies are located at Pensacola, Fla. and here at Fort Huachuca.

The cadre who run the AIT joke that when people find out they belong to the 344th MI Bn they assume the unit is National Guard or Army Reserve because they are small and not very well known around Fort Huachuca.



Pvt. Vincent Vendiola throws a training grenade during the final FTX before graduation from the 98Y Signals Intelligence Collector/Analyst course.

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Service News

Ultimate sacrifice in support of Global War on Terrorism

Lance Cpl. Mario Gonzalez, 21, of La Puente, Calif., died Nov. 14 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Michael Scholl, 21, of Lincoln, Neb., died Nov. 14 from wounds sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Timothy Brown, 21, of Sacramento, Calif., died Nov. 14 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Two Soldiers died Nov. 13 in Baghdad, Iraq, of

injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations. Both Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Killed were:

Pfc. Daniel Allman II, 20, of Canon, Ga.

Pfc. Jang Kim, 20, of Placentia, Calif.

Two Soldiers died Nov. 12 in Samarra, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations. Both Soldiers were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Michael Cerrone, 24, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Pfc. Harry A. Winkler III, 32, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Three Soldiers died Nov. 11 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations. All the Soldiers were assigned to the 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Giessen, Germany.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. William Jackson II, 29, of Saginaw, Mich.

Staff Sgt. Misael Martinez, 24, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sgt. Angel De Jesus Lucio Ramirez, 22, of Pacoima, Calif.

Two Soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Nov. 9 after an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. Both Soldiers were assigned to the Army's 410th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

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Sgt. Courtland Kennard, 22, of Starkville, Miss.

Staff Sgt. Gregory McCoy, 26, of Webberville, Mich.

Sgt. 1st Class Rudy Salcido, 31, of Ontario, Calif., died on Nov. 9 in Baghdad, Iraq, after an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. Salcido was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1114th Transportation Company, Bakersfield, Calif.

Sgt. Bryan Burgess, 35, of Garden City, Mich., died Nov. 9 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Lance Cpl. Kristopher Warren, 19, of Resaca, Ga., died Nov. 9 from a non-hostile

incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 4th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Staff Sgt. Richwell Doria, 25, of San Diego, Calif., died on Nov. 7 in Kirkuk, Iraq, after being struck by small arms fire during an air assault mission. Doria was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Sgt. Lucas White, 28, of Moses Lake, Wash., died Nov. 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces while on patrol. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.



Photo by Lilly Wise

Soldiers compete for German badge

Scout reports

Fourteen members of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy here participated in and completed a series of strenuous events over the past month to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge during the final event Saturday.

The GAFPB is a multi-day competition. It consists of track and field, swimming, marksmanship, and road-march events. Failure of any of these event results in removal from the competition. The marksmanship and road-march events determined which badge each competitor earned.

The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge was introduced in 1972 in the grades bronze, silver and gold. Seven of those tested earned gold medals, six garnered silver and one Soldier received a bronze badge.

Sgt. 1st Class Rex Ana Torres-Ireland participates in the GAFPB road march Saturday. This was the final event of the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge qualifiers. Torres-Ireland was one of seven Soldiers who won a gold badge during the competition.

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Discover what the MWR Arts Center has to offer

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts Center offers local artisans the opportunity to display and sell their items in the "Geronimo Gallery" at the Arts Center. The gallery is open to the public.

A wide variety of items are available to purchase during regular business hours, including drawings, paintings, photos, pottery, ceramics and jewelry.

The Arts Center also offers art and craft classes for all ages.

A new class in candle making, using all natural soy products, will be offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20. Cost is \$10 per session and includes materials.

Adult classes in the following areas will begin in early December at the Arts Center: framing, sculpting, power layout for Creative Memories scrap booking, Christmas tags or winter borders for Creative Memories scrap booking and pine needle basket making. Call for exact dates, times and cost of each class.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 2, the Arts Center will offer "Holiday Crafts for Kids," for ages 5 - 12. Cost of this special two-hour class is \$8.

The "Little Hands" arts and crafts program, for children age 5 - 12, is offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Cost of this program is \$8 per class or \$30 per month.

As of January, 2007, the Arts Center will partner with the Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited program to present the Little Hands classes.

Registration for January classes will begin Dec. 4 at the CYS Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. For more information about these classes, call 533-0738.

"Kids' Thursday" classes, for ages 3 - 10 are held 3 - 5 p.m. the first and last Thursday of each month.

Cost of the program is \$7.50 per child and all materials are included. Pre-registration is required.

New classes are added frequently, so check with the Arts Center to see what's coming up.

The Arts Center offers birthday art parties for children ages 5 and up. Cost is \$8.50 per child and all materials are included. The parties last from two to three hours.

You can choose your child's favorite activity, including pottery, watercolor, ceramic painting, window color, designer T-shirts and more.

For more information, visit the Arts Center at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets, Building 52008, or call 533-2015.



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CYS will offer child care Friday

Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services will offer child care Friday, the day after Thanksgiving for youth enrolled at the following: the New Beginnings Child Development Center, School Age Services and the Middle School/Teen Program. This is a training holiday, and pre-registration is required for child care.

Services will be limited and some programs combined for safety and accountability.

Families with children enrolled in the CDC and the SAS program can request care at the CDC available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Families with children in the Middle School/Teen program can register for care available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 533-7038.

Jeannie's Diner, Desert Lanes, events

Now through Nov. 30 at Jeannie's Diner, the public is invited to sign a giant greeting card, which will be sent to the troops overseas in time for the holidays.

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the biggest shopping day of the year. Desert Lanes and Jeannie's Diner have joined forces to offer a bowling/food special designed to give parents an opportunity to do holiday shopping. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, one parent can bring the kids to bowl, while the other parent shops.

Cost of the special, which includes two lines

of bowling plus a kid's meal, is \$5. For each additional child, the cost is \$2. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 14, active duty military are invited to stop at Jeannie's Diner and register for a holiday stocking full of goodies. The drawing for the stocking will be held between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 15. The winner must be present during this time in order to claim their prize.

For more information, call Jeannie's Diner at 533-5759 or Desert Lanes at 533-2849.

Hay rides planned for early December

Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables has planned holiday caroling hay rides from 5 to 7 p.m., Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.

The hay rides will begin at Brown Parade Field, and proceed through the housing area of Fort Huachuca.

The cost is \$10 per person, per ride. A family of four can attend for \$35 per ride. For each additional child, the cost is \$8.

Reservations and payment must be made by close of business the Wednesday before each hay ride. No money will be handled the nights of the rides.

Buffalo Corral is located off Canelo Road in the foothills of the Huachuca Mountains.

The corral offers open riding, riding classes for

private or group instruction, and a private mount area, in addition to trail rides.

For more information on the hay rides, or other services offered by Buffalo Corral, call 533-5220.

Beginner's trap, skeet clinic

The Sportsman's Center will offer a trap and skeet clinic for beginners starting at 10 a.m. Dec. 9.

The cost of the class is \$10 and includes certified instruction, gun rental, ammunition (25 shells), range fees and ear protection. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 533-7085.

Make reservations for 'Parents' Night Out'

Reservations are being taken at the Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center for special child care hours.

Additional child care hours will be offered twice in December to provide parents the opportunity to do holiday shopping.

Child and Youth Services will offer child care, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9; and from 5 to 10 p.m. Dec. 16 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center.

The cost is \$3 per hour for the first child and \$2.50 per hour for each additional child. Reservations and registration are required.

For more information or to register, call the CER Office at 533-0738.



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The Scout TimeOut



Special pull-out section – holiday events slated

Sierra Vista, fort welcome visitors, community to celebrate holidays

Scout Reports

Visitors and local residents alike will find Sierra Vista's small town charm, slower pace and holiday events a welcome break from the often hectic pace of the season. Everyone is welcome to join friends, family and the communities of Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista to celebrate this special time of year.



❄️ Help others through the chapel's **Giving Tree Christmas Program**. Take an ornament off the tree located in the Post Exchange lobby all month long. Last year, 600 youth were supported through this program.

❄️ Take the family to the City Council Children's Holiday Party. Sierra Vista Parks & Leisure Services will transform the Ethel Berger Center into a **Holiday wonderland** Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be there to take letters and pose for pictures. There will be games, raffles, candy and face painting.

The Candy Cane Café will be open for snacks, and then stop by the Jingle Bell Rock Theatre for entertainment. Linda Dailing and her traveling School of Voice, the Rickety Rockettes, a special dog act and Hula Dancers will be featured. There will also be a special visit from the "Reinhounds," dogs from the Greyhound Adoption League.

"Santa's Store" will be open for children to purchase and wrap gifts for their family, friends, and teachers (all items are \$1 or less). Admission is free, though some activities have a fee. For information, contact Karen Lamy at 417-6980 or e-mail klamy@ci.sierra-vista.az.us.

❄️ The **Old Bisbee Bazaar** offers a celebration of the upcoming Holiday Season, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday. Shops and galleries will remain open until 7 p.m., serving appetizers and offering special promotions.

Vote for the best-decorated storefront; enjoy local musicians and entertainers along Main Street and Brewery Gulch, and get into the holiday spirit.

Bring the kids to see Santa or leave them at home and enjoy a quiet dinner at one of the many restaurants when the shops close.

It can be a full day event by enjoying the historic home tour first.

For more information, contact the Bisbee Visitor's Center at 520-432-3554 or toll free at 1-866-224-7233 or visit www.discoverbisbee.com.

❄️ The Holidays begin with the **7th Annual Festival of Trees** from Sunday through Dec. 3, at the Mall at Sierra Vista, during mall hours. This free annual event showcases dozens of embellished and

decorated trees and wreaths, and this year, the addition of gingerbread houses. The Festival fills the mall with many symbols of the holiday season, which will be judged on creativity and originality and then sold or auctioned.

❄️ The **Farmers Market** winter schedule hours will be the first Thursday of every month through April from noon to 4 p.m. The market is located at the North West corner of Wilcox and Carmichael. For complete details call 266-1976 or e-mail vallimac@cox.net.

❄️ The Cochise College Band and Jazz Ensemble present "**A Holiday Concert**," directed by Mike Kuhn. They will perform at 7 p.m., Nov. 30, at the Cochise College Benson Center followed by performances at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at the Mall at Sierra Vista, and 7 p.m., Dec. 14 at the Ethel Berger Center.

Admission is free. For information, call 515-5440/8759.

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Photo by Anthony Reed

Staff Sgt. John Hermans of Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, signs the holiday card on display at Jeannie's Diner here on behalf of his family. Patrons who stop by for a meal are encouraged to sign the card with a message of support for deployed troops. The card will be sent to the troops in time for the holidays.



❄️ The **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** begins at 5:30 p.m. in Veterans' Memorial Park, Dec. 1, and is free. This celebration is a magical moment, complete with Holiday entertainment. While awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, snack on the provided refreshments.

❄️ The 48th **Annual Holiday Parade** marches down Fry Boulevard from Buffalo Soldier Trail to Coronado Drive, 9 a.m., Dec. 2. Arizona's longest running holiday parade is always a free fun-filled event for families. With floats; bands; cheerleaders; the 36th Army Band, Fort Huachuca's cavalry unit, the B-Troop, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their elfin friends, the parade is a few hours of holiday merriment.

❄️ The 20th Annual Sierra Vista Ballet's "**The Nutcracker**" will be presented at Buena Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. Dec. 2; 3 p.m. Dec. 3. Adult admission is \$12, children \$8.

This Holiday classic is performed by the Sierra Vista Ballet troupe. The dancers bring Clara, the Nutcracker Prince and the Mouse King to life. The music to the "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy" and the "Waltz of the Flowers" are two of the most recognizable scores today.



❄️ The **Holiday Tour of Historic Homes** begins at the Fort Huachuca Museum at 2 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Dec. 3.

Advance tickets are \$8, \$9 at the door.

Only once each year are the homes along historic Brown Parade Field on Fort Huachuca opened to the public. These homes, built in the late 1800s, will be decorated with holiday ornaments and collections from all over the world. Members of B-Troop, dressed in period uniforms, greet visitors at each historic home. Due to the historic architecture of the homes, children must be 10 or older to attend and there is no access for strollers, wheelchairs or walkers.

Fort Huachuca is an active military installation and U.S. citizens are permitted entrance onto the post. To receive a pass, visitors must present vehicle registration and proof of insurance (or rental vehicle contract) as well as government issued photo identification for all visitors over age 18. Entrance requirements may change without notice.

For information, contact Amy Mangelsdorf at 459-2686 or amy.mangelsdorf@us.army.mil.



❄️ The Installation Chaplain Activities Office will host the annual **Holiday Tree Lighting and Menorah Ceremony** 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Main Post Chapel. The ceremony will be conducted on the front lawn and will include a holiday greeting,

lighting of the tree and menorah, holiday music, both sacred and secular, provided by the 36th Army Band. Santa Claus will visit the children in the Chapel Activity Room and will arrive at 6:30.

❄️ The chapel invites those with children to celebrate **Advent Day for Children** from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 9. Children will enjoy movies, games and crafts to learn the true meaning of Christmas. For information, call Rosemary Pino at 220-9427.

❄️ The Buena Performing Arts Center will host the **36th Army Band Holiday Concert** at 7 p.m., Dec. 19. The entire family can enjoy the band's free performance of Holiday music.

❄️ On Fort Huachuca, the **Holiday Ball** is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. Attire is Mess Dress, Dress Blues, or Class As with white shirt; formal wear for nonmilitary. Cost is \$25 for E-7 and below, \$30 for all others. The main course is a beef and chicken entrée, or vegetarian meal alternative. The theme is "Home for the Holidays".

The donation request says, "Home for the Holidays," remembering those serving their country in harm's way who will not be home for the holidays. Should you wish to contribute to a care package, please bring those items to the ball. For questions about suggested items, call Sgt. 1st Class Fabienne Jones at 533-4219.

Contact unit representatives for attendance information.

❄️ The Sierra Vista Community Chorus presents "**December Delights**" at the Buena Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 8.

The performance is free, but everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Sierra Vista Fire Department's food baskets.

Listen to the Community Chorus as they sing holiday songs. This event includes a visit from Santa and his friendly elves.

❄️ The Sierra Vista Symphony and Cochise College Choir present "**Handel's Messiah**" at the Buena Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 2 p.m. Dec. 10.

Admission is \$20; children under 14 are free when accompanied by an adult.

❄️ **Santas of the World** will be at Veterans' Memorial Park, Dec. 15 through 31, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Another free holiday tradition begins in Sierra Vista this year with 50 intricately hand-painted 8' tall wooden Santas on display in the park. Each Santa is different: Czechoslovakian, Norwegian, Old Father Christmas, Cookie Santa, and many more.

❄️ Take the opportunity to see the Cochise County Youth Orchestra as they present the music they have been working on this semester. Admission to the concerts is free. The performance during Fort Huachuca's Tour of Homes, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m., will include a small group of the orchestra's members, and will be accompanied with guitar by music director David Kaemmer. Their final concert of the semester is at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Sierra

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Vista Public Library's Mona Bishop Room. Log on to www.ccyo.info to find out more about the Cochise County Youth Orchestra.

❄️ The **Winter Wonderland Dinner and Show** starts at 7 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center on Tacoma Street. Dec. 16. Adults' admission, for those 21 years and older, is \$12.

Mikey Bianchino will perform music from the '50s through the '70s after dinner.

Communities throughout the state offer Holiday festivities as well

❄️ Take the **Patagonia Holiday Walking Tour** Friday and Saturday. Walk through the downtown center of this quaint town enjoying the many specialty shops, arts, crafts and interesting food. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee, just show up and catch the holiday spirit. For more information, call 794-0060.

❄️ The **Mountain Village Holiday Festival of Lights** in Williams, Ariz., has thousands of lights, several events and the only outdoor ice skating rink in the State of Arizona.

Enjoy it through Jan. 13.

Visit the Grand Canyon Railway's annual presentation of the Polar Express, with regular departures to the North Pole. Ride the historic train with Santa Claus and witness the display of lights at the Railway Depot. For train schedules, reservations or information visit www.thetrain.com or call 1-800-the train.

The outdoor ice skating rink is open through Jan. 21 during the

following hours: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. On Tuesday there is an adult session from 6 to 8 p.m. On Friday and Saturday there are three sessions: 4 to 6 p.m., 6:30 to 8 p.m., 8:30 to 10 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults (age of 18 and up), and \$5 for children, and include skate rental.

On Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. is the second Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The 2nd Street and Route 66 Event includes the lighting of a 40 ft. tree with more than 25,000 lights and more than 500 ornaments. The tree will be lit by local military home for the holidays. Also featured is the lighting of the Harry Cole Tree, Honoring of Military, Charles Dickens Carolers, Live Nativity, Animated Characters, and Santa Claus arrives.

The Mountain Village Holiday Parade starts Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. The theme is "Home for the Holidays."

The event includes pre-parade lighting of trees in Monument Park and 40 to 50 lighted parade entries.

The Elk Ridge Ski and Outdoor Recreation Area opened this fall. Elk Ridge Ski Area is a family oriented ski, snowboard and tubing recreation area. Nestled near the southwestern entrance to the Grand Canyon, Elk Ridge offers spectacular views. Elk Ridge has completely renovated their day lodge, with a new snack bar, kitchen and dining facilities.

Take a drive through the quaint village and enjoy the creativity of local residents and business owners.

For more information, contact Diana Croteau at 928-607-0123 or e-mail dianacroteau@earthlink.net.

For information on the many events and activities in the Sierra Vista area, call the Sierra Vista Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-288-3861 or 520-417-6960 or visit www.visitsierravista.com.

Avoid holiday stress this season with relaxing and fun activities for the whole family. There are many activities in the Sierra Vista area — something for everyone.



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Tour of Homes tickets available

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club presents its annual Holiday Tour of Homes from 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 3. The tour begins at the Fort Huachuca Historical Museum. Fourteen historic homes will be open for viewing.

Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. They are available at the Fort Huachuca Museum, Safeway, Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, Thrift Shop, and from HCSC Board Members. Tickets come with an opportunity to win a hand-made Christmas quilt.

Bakers are invited to donate baked goods for the bake sale.

For information on the Tour of Homes, contact Amy Mangelsdorf at 459-2686 or amy.mangelsdorf@us.army.mil.

Tombstone Art Show

"Faces and Places" is the theme for the November art show at the Tombstone Association of the Arts Gallery, located at 317 Allen St. in Tombstone.

The work of three featured artists, Jim Dalmer, Lee Latimore and Sylvia Rosenkrans, will be displayed along with the work of other members who live in the area.

The show runs to Nov. 30. with free admission. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Call 457-2380 for information.

"A Murder is Announced" opens

Bisbee's Obscure Productions will open Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced" at 7:30 p.m. on Dec.1. This play is based on the Miss Marple mystery novel.

"Murder" will play Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All shows will be at the Bisbee Woman's Club, 7 Ledge Avenue on Quality Hill in Old Bisbee.

Tickets are \$8 in advance at Atalanta's Music &

Books, Plaza Liquor, Bisbee Food Coop and Bisbee Visitors' Center. Tickets can be ordered by mail from BOP at PO Box 277, Bisbee AZ 85603. They will be \$10 at the door.

For information, contact Rae Jones at 236-1754 or e-mail bisbeesobscure@gmail.com.

Racquet Club hosts holiday tournament

The Cochise Health and Racquet Club will host the 6th Annual Sierra Vista and Fry Fire Department's Christmas Toy Drive racquetball Play Dec. 9, at 8:30 a.m. This year's tournament format will be round-robin, pot-luck doubles, meaning all players will be paired with a new partner for every round of play.

All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate.

The entrance fee is a new "unwrapped" toy for a child, which will be donated to the firefighter's toy drive. There will be free food and beverages for players.

The club is located at 4225 Avenida Cochise in Sierra Vista near the Windemere Hotel. For more information contact Elmo Long at (520) 249-6936.

Enjoy "Wintersong" at St. Patrick Church

The Bisbee Community Chorus presents "Wintersong," a variety of winter and holiday songs in a free holiday concert.

"Wintersong" plays Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m and Dec.3 at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, located across from the Cochise County Courthouse on Higgins Hill in Old Bisbee.

Songs will range from the classic "Ave Sanctissima Maria," to a medley of traditional carols to "White Christmas" and "Here Comes Santa Claus." The singers will celebrate Hanukkah with "Light

the Candles" and Kwanzaa with "Drink from the Unity Cup." Tune up your voices — the concert will include a holiday sing-along.

For information contact Ruth Dugie of the Bisbee Community Chorus at 432-3523 or e-mail bisbeechorus@cableone.net.

Register now for gift wrapping

Main Post Exchange staff are taking times and days for gift wrapping for your unit or non-profit organizational fund raiser. Visit Rena Wilson at the Customer Service counter. All wrapping supplies are provided. Sign up early as this is a popular event.

Visit the Main Exchange and check out upcoming sales events for November.

As always, the Post Exchange price matches local retailers.

Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner tonight

The 11th Signal Brigade will host a Thanksgiving meal a day early, tonight beginning at 4 p.m. in the Thunderbird Dining Facility.

For the main course, the Soldiers, family members, retirees, DA, and DOD civilians will have their choice of turkey, prime rib, ham, or Cornish hens. They will also have their choice of other traditional Thanksgiving dishes, such as, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, and several types of pies and cakes.

The Thunderbird Thanksgiving Feast is a chance for the brigade leadership to show their appreciation to the Soldiers, as the leaders will be the servers for the meal. For this special dinner the leaders will wear their dress blues and serve until approximately 7 p.m.

The Thunderbird Dining Facility is located at the intersection of Laguardia and Cushing streets.

Happy holiday from the 11th Signal Bde.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Today
No Showing

Friday -2 p.m.
Open Season (PG)

Saturday-7 p.m.
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Sunday -2 p.m.
Flicka (PG)

Monday - Wednesday
Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

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Where's Wette?

Identify Wette the Waterdrop's location in the photo and e-mail or call in your answer to the Scout.

All correct answers received by noon on the Monday after the photo is published will be entered into a

drawing for a prize.

The winner's name will be published in the Scout on Thursday, along with the correct answer about Wette's location and the water-saving tips that led to the Water Wise

visit to that specific location.

E-mail your best guess to:

thescout@hua.army.mil or call 533-2714 and leave your name and phone number.

GOOD LUCK!



This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.

2006 Intramural Basketball Standings
(as of Nov. 17, 2006)

Conference A

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
*Run & Gun	2	0	1.000
69 th Signal Company	1	0	1.000
HHC 11 th SIG	1	0	1.000
HHC 111th MI	1	0	1.000
Co. F, 309 th MI BN #2	3	1	.750
Co. C, 40 th SIG	2	1	.666
Co. A, 305 th MI BN	1	2	.333
Co. E, 309 th MI BN #2	0	0	.000
Co. B, 309 th MI BN #1	0	2	.000
Co. B, USASTB	0	3	.000

Conference B

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Co. F, 309 th MI BN #1	2	0	1.000
556 Signal Company	2	0	1.000
Co. B, 305 th MI BN	1	0	1.000
NCOA	1	0	1.000
Co. B, 40 th Signal Bn	1	0	1.000
JITC	1	1	.500
Co. B, 309 th MI BN #2	1	1	.500
Co. E, 309 th MI BN #1	0	1	.000
MEDDAC	0	3	.000
Co. C, 304 th MI BN	0	3	.000
*Recreational Team			

Photo by Thom Williams

A player from Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, in blue and players from the 69th Signal Company, in black, fight for a loose ball during a game Nov. 15 at Barnes Field House. The 69th Signal Company won the basketball game 39-33.



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